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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

re application of

Teruto HIROTA et al.

Serial No. 09/580,601 ✓

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A SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY CARD,
PLAYBACK APPARATUS, RECORDING
APPARATUS, PLAYBACK METHOD,
RECORDING METHOD, AND
COMPUTER-READABLE
RECORDING MEDIUM

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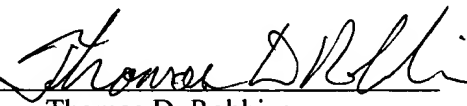
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Sir:

Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) on July 21, 2000 in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. Item 3 of the July 21st IDS listed U.S. applications for consideration by the Examiner.

The Examiner has not explicitly indicated, throughout prosecution, that the references listed in the July 21st IDS have not been considered. Accordingly, as the references have been submitted in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, it is respectfully submitted that the references have been considered by the USPTO. In the event that the Examiner has not considered the references, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the references and provide an indication in the record of such consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
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